

## THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE (NCLIS)

### Sunshine Act Meeting and Open Hearing

**TIME, DATE, AND PLACE:** July 8, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Kellogg Conference Center, Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

### Hearing on Library and Information Services for Individuals With Disabilities

Purpose of the Hearing: The Commission recognizes that recent advances in information technology have improved conditions for some people with disabilities while presenting new challenges to others. Commission members wish to explore the gamut of issues raised in order to develop policy recommendations to appropriate government agencies and other organizations.

The NCLIS hearing is being held to offer the NCLIS members an opportunity to hear from individuals with disabilities of all types, as well as from legislators, educators, parents, library and information service professionals, representatives from national associations and organizations, volunteers, physicians, and researchers. The Commission wants to hear, first hand, of the various kinds of assistance being provided by libraries to persons with permanent or temporary disabilities, including assistance in ordering materials in alternative formats, searching and retrieving materials (both online and print), accessing library buildings and parking facilities, providing adequate space for study and testing, and furnishing special equipment.

Requests to present oral testimony should be received by June 18, 1999. Because of time constraints, participation will be limited. Written comments will be accepted before, during or up to 30 days after the hearing. All comments must be received at NCLIS no later than the close of business on July 8, 1999 to become part of the hearing record.

Written request for invitations must be submitted to NCLIS, Attn: Barbara Whiteleather, 1110 Vermont Avenue, NW., Suite 820, Washington, DC 20005-3522; fax 202-606-9203; or e-mail <bw\_nclis@inet.ed.gov>

To request further information or to make special arrangements for physically challenged persons, contact Barbara Whiteleather (202-606-9200)

no later than one week in advance of the meeting.

For further information contact Robert Willard, Executive Director (202) 606-9200.

Dated: May 27, 1999.

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Office of Federal Procurement Policy

#### Comment Request Entitled Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**ACTION:** Notice of request regarding the reinstatement, with changes, of a previously approved collection (OMB Clearance 9000-0100) for which approval is now being requested by OFPP.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), OFPP notified the public concerning a request to reinstate, with changes, a previously approved information collection requirement concerning the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program. A request for public comment was published at 63 FR 51962, September 29, 1998. No comments were received. This is a second request for comments and notice that the proposed information collection has been submitted to OMB for approval.

**COMMENTS:** Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden should be submitted to Edward Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for OMB, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Please cite the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before July 1, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda G. Williams, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, 202-395-3302.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

The Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program Act of 1988

(Title VII, Public Law 100-656), as amended, established the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program (Program). The Program was established to (1) demonstrate whether or not small businesses in certain industry groups can compete successfully on an unrestricted basis for Federal contracts, and (2) to demonstrate whether or not targets goaling and management techniques can expand Federal contract opportunities for small businesses in industry categories where such opportunities historically have been low despite adequate numbers of small business contractors in the economy. Section 401 of the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-135) extends the Program indefinitely.

Under the current Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), small businesses are required only to represent their status (i.e., whether small, small disadvantaged, or women-owned small businesses). Section 714(c) of the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program Act requires each participating agency to collect data pertaining to the size as well as the status of the small business concern receiving any award for services in the designated industry groups and products or services in the agencies' ten targeted industry categories. The size of the small business is collected in terms of the number of employees or dollar volume of sales. The number of employees is based on the average of the pay periods for the last twelve months. The volume of sales is based on the average annual gross revenue for the last three fiscal years (See FAR 19.101). The size information is collected during the solicitation process as part of the representation requirement. This data will be used to evaluate the small business impact of the Program.

The former information collection requirements set forth in Section 714(b) of the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program Act, pertaining to the simplified system to collect data on the participation of small business concerns as subcontractors under prime contracts for architectural and engineering (A&E) services, expired on September 30, 1997. Accordingly, this proposed reinstatement excludes that data collection requirement.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average five minutes per response, including the time to gather the information and complete the solicitation provision. The annual